Superintendent of Jails

* 131 Q.—Mr. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri T. Durairaj is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Q.—Sri T. DURAIRAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Gazetted Officer of the Madras Police Department has been appointed as Superintendent of Jails in the Madras Jail Service; and

(b) if so, the number so appointed and the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only one officer was appointed as Superintendent in the Madras Jail Service as he was found suitable.

Handicapped persons

* 132—Mr. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri L. S. Karayalar is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Q.—Sri L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of handicapped persons registered in the Employment Exchange for the physically handicapped as on 1st June 1962?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : 145 (one hundred and forty-five).

Fee concessions

* 133 Q.—Sri M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when the existing income limit of parents for eligibility for fee concessions under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, was fixed; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to raise the income limit?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The income limits for eligibility for fee concession under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, were fixed in the year 1948.

(b) It has been decided to enhance the income limit from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 1,500 per annum for purposes of fee concessions and scholarships in secondary schools with effect from the current academic year.

Sri M. RAJAH IYER : May I point out that the income limit for colleges remains at Rs. 1,500 for the past 14 years and it deserves to be increased?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It may be so, but Government have not decided on increasing the limit over Rs. 1,500.